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October 12, 2023

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE BERTH 191-194 (ECOCEM) LOW-CARBON CEMENT PROCESSING FACILITY **PROJECT**

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the following project at the Port of Los Angeles:

Berth 191-194 (Ecocem) Low-Carbon Cement Processing Facility Project

The Proposed Project is located at 100 Yacht Street, Wilmington, CA 90744. The Project involves the construction and operation of a new processing facility on the backlands adjacent to Berths 192-194 that would import raw materials by ship and truck, temporarily store and process them to produce a low-carbon binder (an alternative to Portland cement) and load third-party trucks that would transport the product to local consumers. The Proposed Project would receive one of the raw materials from overseas by dry bulk cargo vessels operating at Berth 191.

The Harbor Department has prepared the DEIR in accordance with current City of Los Angeles Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, Article I; the State CEQA Guidelines, Article 7, Sections 15086-15087; and the California Public Resources Code Section 21153.

The Draft EIR has determined that implementation of the Proposed Project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to:

Air Quality: Peak day nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions from operations for all three analysis years; localized offsite ambient concentrations for 24-hour and annual PM₁₀, and 24-hour PM_{2.5}, for all three analysis years.

Greenhouse Gases: Annual greenhouse gas emissions would exceed the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) industrial mass emissions threshold in all three analysis years.

The following lease measures (LM) are expected to further reduce future air quality and greenhouse emissions and their related impacts:

LM AQ-1: Fleet Modernization for Cementitious Material Handling Equipment;

LM AQ-2: Periodic Review of New Technology;

LM AQ-3: At-Berth Vessel Emissions Control Pilot Study;

LM AQ-4: Port of Los Angeles Sustainable Construction Guidelines:

LM AQ-5: Vessel Speed Reduction Program (VSRP);

LM AQ-6: Front End Loader Replacement Schedule; and

LM GHG-1: GHG Credit Fund.

Noise: Construction activities would cause temporary noise levels that would exceed significance threshold levels at one noise-sensitive receptor. Although impacts would remain significant and unavoidable, the following mitigation measures (MM) are expected to reduce construction noise impacts:

MM NOI-1: Noise Barriers Adjacent to Pile Driving Activities; and

MM NOI-2: Noise Reduction of Landside Pile Driving.

Availability:

The 45-day review period will start on **October 12th, 2023,** and ends on **November 27th, 2023.** A copy of the document is available for public review on the Port of Los Angeles' website at: https://www.portoflosangeles.org/ceqa. A print document is available for review to interested parties at the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department Environmental Management Division located at 425 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California 90731. Please contact Celia Sanchez Zelaya at csanchezzelaya@portla.org or (310) 732-3097 to schedule an appointment for document review.

Public Meeting:

A virtual public hearing meeting will be held on November 1st, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. by joining a Zoom Meeting at:

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Participation in the public meeting by federal, state and local agencies and other interested organizations and people is encouraged. This meeting will be conducted in English with simultaneous English/Spanish translation services available.

Comments:

Written comments on the DEIR should be submitted in writing prior to the end of the 45-day public review period and must be postmarked by **November 27th, 2023**. Please submit written comments to:

Lisa Wunder, Interim Director City of Los Angeles Harbor Department Environmental Management Division 425 Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731

Written comments may also be sent via e-mail to cegacomments@portla.org.

Comments sent via e-mail should include the Project title in the subject line of the email.

Sincerely,

LISA WUNDER

Interim Director of Environmental Management

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